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SUMMER JOB PROGRAM A SUCCESS



Liz Jackson of San Francisco Juvenile Division, (and former WVCC staffer) speaks on Job Development to the participants of the Summer Youth Employment & Training Program during the "Labor Market Orientation" held on August 9, 1991 at WVCC.

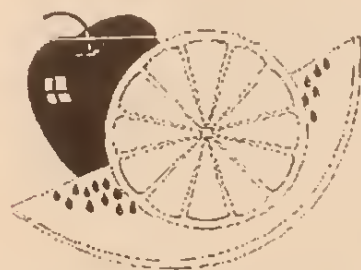


79 youth from Visitacion Valley's Summer Youth Employment & Training Program attended the day-long Labor Market Orientation at WVCC on August 9th.

The Summer Youth Employment & Training Program has ended for another year with a successful work experience for 78 Visitacion Valley Youth. The workers were placed at many worksites around the Valley and throughout San Francisco, including Community Boards, Visitacion Valley Middle School, Geneva Towers Recreation, the Sunnydale Boys & Girls Club, Youth Guidance Center, Health Center #3 and others. The Program staff wishes to publicly thank all the worksite supervisors for their dedication to providing the youth with a valuable work experience.

The Program wound up with a Labor Market Orientation meeting on August 9th and a Youth Picnic-End of Summer Celebration on August 16th. The Labor Market Orientation was a meeting designed to encourage the Youth to think about their future, and how education and training can help them reach their life goals. Guest speakers included Liz Jackson of Youth Guidance Center, Sbirdetha Holmes-Boxx, William Shannon and Kim Mitchell of VV/Sunnydale Gang Prevention Program; Barbara Chin and Charles Burns of the S. F. Department of Social Services GAIN Program; Heather Fox of the Job Corps; and Sgt. Herman P. Jones of the San Francisco Police Department.

The Visitacion Valley Community Center would like to congratulate the Summer Youth Program staff on a job extremely well done. Brenda Haynes, Area Coordinator and Team Leaders Michael Christian and Sheila Walker were enthusiastic, thoughtful and effective. Thanks to all three for a rewarding summer.



PARENTS WORKING TOGETHER

by LaVaughn King

Fun, Happiness and Excitement are just a few adjectives that describe what some of our youth are experiencing. Parents for Youth Vis Valley, Parents of Concern, Parents Working with Parents, Youth Communicating with Youth. We were able to visit a 50 acre farm where it seemed we could reach out and touch the stars. One teenager commented that how good it felt to walk the streets without incident and visit a city so warm in climate and atmosphere. He stated how much he enjoyed himself being in that area. The children splashed in the pool and attended the movie, "Boyz in the Hood" with no incidences.

The Parents Working Together will be planning another trip for September 1991. It will be over the weekend. Parent volunteers are needed - Contact Ruth Jackson at 239-4605.

LOCAL STUDENT AWARDED RENSSELAER MEDAL

TROY, NY - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the names of high school students who have been awarded the Rensselaer Medal.

From the local area is:

CHRIS YIP OF 509 CRESCENT AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL.

Each year, Rensselaer presents the Rensselaer Medal to high school student for outstanding achievements in the study of mathematics and science during their junior year. One junior from each of approximately 1,700 high schools is selected to receive the award.

Known worldwide for its rigorous academic programs, Rensselaer is a university with recognized strength in aeronautics, engineering, robotics, and computer science, coupled with considerable depth in science, architecture, management, humanities and the social sciences. A coeducational, independent, nonsectarian university, Rensselaer has approximately 4,500 undergraduates and 1,600 graduate students.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer was the first institution in America to grant degrees in engineering. Over the years, it has educated many of the leaders in technology. Rensselaer numbers among its graduates corporate leaders, world renowned scientist, engineers, technologist, and inventors whose work shaped the modern world.

CLEAN CITY COALITION RECEIVES GRANT

The San Francisco Clean City coalition announced that Pacific Telesis Foundation is donating \$75,000 in seed money to the fledgling anti-litter organization.

Sam Ginn, chairman of Pacific Telesis Foundation and co-chair, with Charlotte Mailliard Swig, of the Clean City Coalition, says the Foundation also will match donations from other civic-minded organizations and individuals, up to an additional \$75,000.

"Pacific Telesis Foundation is pleased to make this initial contribution," Ginn said. "By supporting the San Francisco Clean City Coalition, the Foundation will play a part in realizing a truly worthy cause-- a cleaner and more beautiful San Francisco. This is but a first step," Ginn continued, "in helping the Coalition reach its long-term funding goals. We encourage every organization, every group and every individual to join in this important and much-needed citywide effort." The privately-sponsored San Francisco Clean City Coalition, comprised of neighborhood groups, merchant as-

sociations, local government, major corporations and individuals, is currently trying to raise \$3 million to fund a two-year campaign.

Contributions will be used to support anti-litter education and awareness, encourage and organize community, corporate and individual efforts at litter abatement, recognize those who have made outstanding progress toward litter control, and put more litter receptacles on the street.

Members share one common goal: keeping San Francisco's streets, parks and neighborhoods clean. The Coalition hopes to mobilize every group, association and citizen throughout all of San Francisco's neighborhoods to participate in regular and ongoing local cleanup efforts.

Since its inception in March 1991, the Coalition has initiated several litter-control activities:

A litter awareness curriculum with a service component for primary school students was tested in 20 San Francisco schools this summer.

A series of quarterly awards

ceremonies has been established to recognize citizens and groups that do the most to keep the city clean.

A prototype litter receptacle has been developed and designed for possible placement throughout San Francisco.

A "Broom Brigade" network has been established in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Bureau of Street cleaning and Urban Forestry to provide material and coordination for neighborhood "Broom Brigade" cleanup teams.

The initial steps have been taken to create an ongoing advertising and media awareness campaign geared toward educating San Franciscans about the Coalition.

A committee is analyzing current litter-control legislation and enforcement efforts.

San Francisco's garbage companies - Golden Gate Disposal, Sunset Scavengers and Sanitary Fill - provide personnel and offices to coordinate ongoing Coalition activities.

TIMELY WALK IN THE GARDEN

Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park will introduce a new docent guided walk on Wednesday, September 4 at 1:30 P.M. called "A Walk Through Time," the educational stroll through the botanical gardens will focus on the evolution of plants. The free walks will be continued on Saturdays at 1:30 through September 28. A guided walk featuring mediterranean plants will be offered in October.

Walking tours start from the Strybing Bookstore just inside the main gate. Call 661-0822 for information on group or special tours.

CENTERVIEW

BYOB

(BRING YOUR OWN BAG)

by Julie Kavanagh

A recent article in the newsletter of San Francisco Tomorrow pointed to the scene at the grocery checkout line with a '90's kind of suggestion. To help reduce unnecessary waste in this day of excess garbage, polluted landfills (what's left of them) and the new environmental consciousness; BYOB!

When the clerk asks you if you want "Paper or Plastic..", what should you say? We know we shouldn't say plastic. Plastic is usually not recycled, and if it

is..only once. It then still goes to add to the litter and garbage that threatens to smother our world.

What about paper? Well, it seems that paper is a problem too. Not only is the bleaching and/or coloring of paper adding toxics to our environment, but paper does not break down in the garbage dumps nearly as quickly as we used to think. A recent article in the Smithsonian Magazine told about modern day Anthropologists, excavating in landfills finding 50 year old newspapers which were so intact that they could still be read!

So...what to do? Get one or more heavy canvas tote bags and use them. Some stores, such as California's own Safeway, sell canvas grocery tote bags with their logo on them. Mine, I use for many other purposes in between visits to the grocery store. I carry it with me all the time.

San Francisco Tomorrow recommends that you bring your own cloth bags, and also that you return and refill all containers in which you purchased your goods. Don't forget to look for environmentally correct products, such as refillable containers, recyclable containers and biodegradable products.

SPEAK OUT

CAN THE VALUE OF A HUMAN BEING BE MEASURED IN DOLLARS?

IF SO WHO HAS THE RIGHTS TO SELL OR TO BENEFIT FROM THE DEMISE OF A HUMAN BEING?

CONFUSED??? ME TOO! WIL-LIE PETERSON WAS SHOT AND KILLED AT THE SPOT LITE GROCERY ON THIRD STREET A FEW MONTHS AGO. WELL! ACCORDING TO HIS UNCLE EDDIE HARRIS, THE STORE WAS REOPENED A COUPLE OF MONTHS AFTER THIS INCIDENT HAPPENED, WHEN THE ARAB AMERICAN GROCER ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW BAYVIEW COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, SAM MURRAY AND A FEW OTHERS NEGOTIATED THE OPENING FOR A PRICE. APPROXIMATELY, \$8,000.00 FOR A CLEAN UP PROJECT ON THIRD STREET AND A SCHOLARSHIP.

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND RESIDENTS ARE OUTRAGED.....THEY WONDER WHO GAVE SAM MURRAY OR NEW BAYVIEW COMMITTEE THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE THIS CONTRACT.....WHY WASN'T THERE A PUBLIC HEAR-

ING ON THE ISSUE, AND WHY WASN'T THE FAMILY NOTIFIED OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. WHO DOES THIS MINUTE CONTRIBUTION BENEFIT AND FOR HOW LONG????? IS \$8,000.00 ADEQUATE FOR A GOOD FAITH GESTURE. FROM THE ARAB AMERICAN GROCERS WHEN THEY MAKE THAT IN ONE DAY ON A 1ST OR 15TH OF THE MONTH IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY SELL LIQUOR AND BAD FOOD AT HIGH PRICES.

SUFFERING FROM THE LOSS OF HIS LOVED ONE AND WONDERING WHY SO-CALLED LEADERS WOULD USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAPITALIZE

OFF THE DEATH OF WIL-LIE, HIS UNCLE EDDY ASKED, "WHERE IS THEIR SENSITIVITY TO THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY? WHAT IF IT WERE YOUR LOVED ONE--WOULD THE SAME NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE.....IS THIS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW WE CAN BE BOUGHT AND SOLD BY ONE ANOTHER.....IS THE DOLLAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUMAN LIFE. THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS EDDY WOULD LIKE ANSWERED

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Mayor Dianne Feinstein, volunteers from Delancy Street, S.F. Youth Conservation Corps, S.F. Police Department, S.F. Sheriff's Department, and "graffiti Artists" from S.F. Youth Guidance Center in San Francisco Alive's valley-wide clean up campaign.

*Mayor Feinstein made another visit to Visitation Valley, August 6 with adults and children at the Sunnydale Apartments.

*Members of both Visitation Valley Senior Escort Service Advisory Council and the Koyuse Campfire Club were

WE GET LETTERS...

Support AB 23

I urge you to Support AB 23 repealing the tax measure on free publication.

If allowed to continue, this tax measure will have widespread impact on Californians. A case in point is how the tax will hurt St Luke's Hospital in San Francisco:

St. Luke's is a private hospital in the Mission District of San Francisco. We provide high-quality, but low cost health care to the poor and working poor who are uninsured or underinsured and the middle class. St. Luke's provides \$5 million in charity care each year in addition to services donated by our physicians via our neighborhood clinic and the physicians' own practices. The latter if totaled, would come to at least \$2 million or more. We are the only hospital in San Francisco which is actively expanding its Medical and Medicare patient population. It is our mission to provide quality care to all those in need, regardless of the ability to pay.

Many of the patients we care for could not be reached or know of our services were it not for the local neigh-

Bay Area
Backroads

Greetings! Thanks for writing to Bay Area Backroads! Here's the updated information you requested for the show which aired August 18, 1991 (original air date was Feb 12, 1989).

Lake Tahoe: Love's Wedding Chapel is on Route 267 (Kingsbury Grade) just off of Hwy 50 in Stateline, Nevada. A basic Marriage starts around \$89. If you're getting married, reservations are a good idea; call 1-800-MARRY US. For information on other attractions around the lake,, call the visitors bureau: 1(916)541-5255. Grover Hot Springs State Park is on Hot Springs Road off of Hwy 88 out of Markleeville. The park is open every day from 9am-9pm. Note: closed for maintenance from Sept. 9-21 Admission is \$4 for adults; call 1-916-694-2248. Heidi's Pancake House is on Hwy 50 near Fairway Drive in south Lake Tahoe. Hours are 7am-9pm daily; call 1-916-544-8113. Cafe Fiore is at 1169 Ski Run Blvd. near Heavenly Valley Ski

Valley Vitals

Congratulations to Lerma Ramil Pattugalan & Vernon Glen Green Jr. on the birth of their son, Vernon Glenn Green III, born July 16, 1991, 12:30 P.M. at St. Luke's Hospital. Baby Vernon weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Our Condolences to the family of Anthony Massingale born April 13, 1967, Departed August 12, 1991.

honored during an August 12th luncheon at Hawaiian Barbeque and Luau Foods.

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As you know the hospital industry is in severe crisis, and St. Luke's ability to survive this crisis depends in large measure on our ability to develop and maintain support for our work in the community. Our local papers have been critical to us in being able to do just that. If they are forced to close as a result of this unjust tax, it would be extremely difficult for St. Luke's to reach the community we serve and the community in which we need to build support.

Again, please repeal the tax measure on free publications by passing AB23. This community is depending on you.

Sincerely,

Carol Farron, Manager

Community Relations St. Luke's Hospital

Resort in South Lake Tahoe. Hours are 5am 10:30 pm daily call 1-916-541-2908. Sorenson's Resort is on Hwy 88 near Hwy 89; call 1-916-694-2203.

Sacramento: Free pre-restoration tours of the Stanford House are available on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays at 12:15pm. The house is at 802 N Street in Sacramento; call 1-916-32-0575. You can see vintage airplanes being repaired at Smitty's Air Repair in Clarkesburg, south of Sacramento. The airport and repair facility are on River Road off of Hwy 160. Visitors are welcome weekdays between 8am and 5pm; call 1-916-665-0006. J.R.'s is at 2326 J Street near 24th Street in Sacramento. Hours are 11:30am-2pm Monday through Friday and 6-10pm Monday through Saturday; call 1-916-448-8876. Colette is at 2nd and G Streets in Davis. Hours are 11:30am - 2:30pm Monday through Friday and 5:30pm - 10pm Monday through Saturday; call 1-916-758-3377.

Remember to watch Backroads every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm on Newcenter 4.

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Sunnydale Rec News...



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SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO THE SAN FRANCISCO FISHING PROGRAM

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SFPO FISHING PROGRAM FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO TAKE IS YOUTH DEEP SEA FISHING. IT WAS A VERY REWARDING AND EXCITING EXPERIENCE FOR THE YOUTH. IN LIGHT OF THE COLD, RAIN, AND FISHLESS HOOKS OF MINE, I'VE HAD ONE OF THE BEST TIMES OF MY LIFE. TO THE CAPTAINS OF THE EDIBOB, BOB AND EDOY, THE OFFICERS OF SFPO THAT ACCOMPANIED US, YOU MADE THIS FISHING TRIP AN EDUCATIONAL AND FUN EX-

PERIENCE AND WE APPRECIATE EVERY THING YOU DID. THANK YOU ALL!!!! SHIRLETHA BOXX-HOLMES.

LETTERS FROM THE YOUTH:

WHEN WE WENT FISHING, I HAD A LOT OF FUN EVEN THOUGH, IT TOOK 3 HOURS TO GET TO THE FISHING SPOT. WHEN WE WERE GETTING ON THE SHIP ALL OF THE BOYS SAID THEY WEREN'T GOING TO GET SEASICK AND THAT ALL THE GIRLS WOULD GET SICK AND THROW UP. THEY GOT SICK FIRST...ALL OF THEM AND ONLY A FEW OF THE GIRLS DID....WELL! ALMOST EVERYBODY CAUGHT A FISH INCLUDING ME, SO EVERYTHING WORKED OUT. THANK YOU SFPO FISHING PROGRAM, BOB, EDDY AND MY MOM WHO WAS AFRAID OF THE BAIT....KAMILAH HOLMES

MOTION IN THE OCEAN: WHEN WE ALL WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WATER EVERYONE WAS SICK. EVERYONE WAS LAUGHING AT THE POLICEMAN THAT WAS SEA SICK. A FEW HOURS LATER EVERYONE BUT SHIRLETHA WAS SICK. BUT WE ALL MANAGED TO WORK WITH IT. THE GROSS PART ABOUT THIS TRIP WAS WHEN STEVIE AND OARNELL THREW UP IN THE CABIN. THERE WAS ONE BOY

THAT WOULD NOT STOP TALKING, EVERYWHERE HE WENT PEOPLE WOULD MOVE BECAUSE NO ONE FELT LIKE TALKING WHILE BEING SEASICK. THERE WAS THIS ONE BOY WHO WOULD SMILE EVERYWHERE HE WENT ON THE BOAT. WHEN WE CAME HOME WE BRAGGED ABOUT THE TRIP, TOOK OUR SHOWERS AND FELL STRAIGHT TO SLEEP STILL FEELING THE MOTIONS OF THE OCEAN.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

SHIRLETHA AND SFPO AND BOB. FROM: CHARMEIG LOVE YA

DEAR SFPO GUARDS:

THANKS FOR THE BOATPITALITY & THANKS FOR TEACHING US HOW TO CATCH FISH & FOR WATCHING OVER US WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU FOR RAISING THE FUNDS FOR GIVING US THE FISHING TRIP. THANK YOU BOB. SINCERELY, AISHA GARRISON, PS. THANKS ALOT.

SHIRLETHA'S FISHING TRIP:

ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1991, WE WENT ON A DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP. WE HAD TO WAKE UP AT 4:45AM. WHEN WE GOT ON THE BOAT THE MEN GAVE US DIRECTIONS AND RULES. THEY

SHOWED US HOW TO PUT THE BAIT ON THE HOOK. WHEN WE GOT TO THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN KIDS STARTED GETTING SEASICK. A LOT OF KIDS WERE ASLEEP IN THE CABIN, AND A LOT OF KIDS WERE OUTSIDE FISHING. I CAUGHT THE FIRST FISH, IT WAS REAL BIG. AT AROUND ONE O'CLOCK WE HEADED BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO. WHEN WE GOT HOME I TOOK A SHOWER AND FELL ASLEEP. EVERYTIME I CLOSE MY EYES I COULD STILL FEEL THE BOAT MOVING FROM SIDE TO SIDE. SPECIAL THANKS TO SHIRLETHA H. AND SFPO, SINCERELY ADRIANA LUMBRERAS

WORLD'S RECORD I SHOULD BE PUT IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORD, FOR THE ONE WHO BARFED THE MOST. EVERYTIME THE BOAT MOVED OVER THE SIDE I WENT TO BARF. I MUST HAVE BARFED A MILLION TIMES. AT LUNCH TIME, I PUT MY SANDWICH DOWN TO GO BARF AND SOMEONE THREW IT TO THE BIRDS. I WAS SAVING IT UNTIL I FELT BETTER. WHICH I NEVER DID.....!!!!?????BELIEVE IT OR NOT I ENJOYED THE FISHING TRIP EVEN WITH THE BARFING RECORD. THANK YOU ALL AND I WILL SEE YOU NEXT TIME...DARNELL

Abacus and NeXT Stage Successful Adobe Rollout

Abacus and NeXT staged a preview of Adobe Illustrator on the NeXT computer in San Francisco at the Sheraton Palace hotel in late July. Billed as a Graphic Arts Seminar, the event was well attended and well received by designers from many prominent Bay Area companies. Having had a chance to go over the response, the seminar's three coproducers are now very eager to announce their findings to the public.

Invitations were mailed to members of the San Francisco Ad Council, the San Francisco Art Directors Club, CCAS and AIGA, as well as the Abacus' extensive list of clients and friends. The seminar sponsors were delighted with the response rate, which

was well above industry standards.

The response to Adobe Illustrator software on the NeXT computer was very positive, according to questionnaires that were filled out by seminar attendees afterwards. "Totally amazing!" wrote one. Another "would bring my whole office to a seminar!" Of those responding, 71% use computers, 94% of them Macintosh. Another 12% already use the NeXT. Of the 60% interested in buying computers within four months, 35% were interested in buying the NeXT and asked to be called.

The presentations were rated as good or excellent by 89% of the attendees and 81% rated them as just right technically. The hands-on training was

rated as useful or very useful by 97% of those attending and 100% rated the event as valuable or very valuable.

Until now, hesitation by potential NeXT buyers has been attributed to a lack of software for this truly amazing piece of hardware. Abacus is encouraged by such positive feedback to this recent software comes on line. A criticism from the Adobe preview, in fact, was "I'm waiting for NeXT to get more mainstream applications." An interesting challenge to the Abacus sales team is it's own previous success in marketing Macintosh computers. As one of the respondents, a long-time Abacus client put it, "I just spent my wad on a Mac!"

Abacus is a 100% women-owned company which ranked #33 in Inc. Magazine's 500 Fastest Growing U.S. Companies last year. Since incorporating in 1979, Abacus has become an authorized dealer for Apple, AT&T, Compaq, Epson, Hewlett Packard, Mass Micro, NEC, Panasonic, Radius, Sharp, Sony, Tektronix, Toshiba and many others.

They rate as one of Apple Computers' top five dealers in the Pacific Northwest and enjoy a "zero complaint track record" with major vendors. The difference, according to testimonials by satisfied long-term clients, is the support provided by Abacus professionals.

Abacus is a full service computer company, striving to create "computer solutions" to their clients' needs. In addition to its sales staff Abacus also employs training specialists, technicians, repair people, graphic artists, programmers, network designers and even temporary workers, who "provide a vast array of computer services for a wide range of microcomputer and minicomputer systems, and maintain its position as one of Northern California's foremost computer graphics suppliers," according to the enclosed San Francisco Business Times article.

Abacus received the exclusive San Francisco dealership for NeXT computers earlier this year.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ARLO SMITH ANNOUNCES "ADOPT A SCHOOL" PROGRAM FOR S. F. SCHOOL KIDS



SAN FRANCISCO -- D. A. Arlo Smith announced today that his office will setup a volunteer program called "The Adopt-A-School Program for Law Related Education" based on a program set up in Brooklyn, New York a year ago by Kings County D. A. Charles J. "Joe" Hynes.

District Attorney Smith was joined by District Attorney Hynes to announce the formation of the program at a Hall of Justice press conference on August 6th.

The Adopt-A-School Program asks assistant district attorneys and other legal professionals to volunteer to "adopt" one school and commit 10 hours a month to speaking to classes there about law related topics. Though the subjects generally include such areas as drug abuse and gang violence, Smith cited another area he hopes the program will focus on: hate crimes.

"It's often the case that the same violent conduct that would cause a third grader to be called a bully, would cause a ninth grader to be prosecuted as a hate criminal," said Smith. "It's clear we need to get the message out to young people about the importance of respect for diversity and respect for the law. I can think of few people better equipped to do that than prosecutors."

District Attorney Hynes has offered the assistance of his office to help implement the program in San Francisco. San Francisco Superintendent of Schools Ramon Cortines said that he is very pleased about the program and has pledged to cooperate fully in its implementation.

If you are interested in this program, you may obtain information from the District Attorney's Office at 553-1741.

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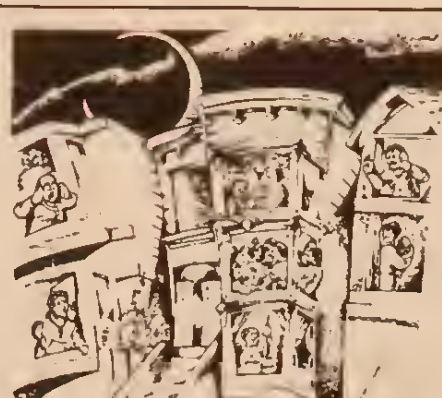
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The Friends of the San Francisco Public Library inaugurates its second decade of Literary Events with another line-up of engaging and thought-provoking notables. This ten-event series, plus one special event, is produced by City Arts and Lectures, Inc. and is sponsored by The San Francisco Examiner. The Eleventh series will include:

AMY TAN Wednesday, September 18. San Francisco's own Amy Tan, creator of the phenomenally successful and acclaimed *THE JOY LUCK CLUB* and the newly released *THE KITCHEN GOD'S WIFE*, will be appearing in conversation with Wendy Tokuda.

T. CORAGHESSAN BOYLE Thursday, September 26. Winner of the PEN/Faulkner award in 1988 for his epic of the Hudson Valley, *WORLD'S END*, T.C. Boyle is currently collecting excited and laudatory reviews for his latest novel, *EAST IS EAST*.

JIMMY BRESLIN Monday, September 30. Jimmy Breslin, journalist, novelist, Pulitzer Prize winner, and quintessential New Yorker, has never shied away from controversy. His latest book is *DAMON RUNYON: A LIFE*.

MORDECAI RICHLER Wednesday, October 9. That Mordecai Richler's satirical novels often rankle his fellow Canadians is a source of pride to him. He is a two-time winner of the Governor General's Award. His latest book, *SOLOMON GURSKY WAS HERE*, is a sprawling epic of rogue pioneers.

HAROLD BRODKEY Monday, October 28. *FIRST LOVE AND OTHER STORIES*, a book of short stories published originally in 1958, established Harold Brodkey as an author's author. He recently published *STORIES IN AN ALMOST CLASSICAL MODE*, and the much anticipated and awaited novel, *THE RUNAWAY SOUL*.

ALLEN GINSBERG Wednesday, November 6. Allen Ginsberg is the enduring voice of the Beat Generation. Beginning with *HOWL* in 1956, his poetry introduced a ground-breaking spiritual candor still felt today. His latest books are *HIT SHROUD POEMS: 1980-1985*, and *COLLECTED POEMS*.

AMOS OZ Wednesday, November 13. *TO KNOW A WOMAN*, like Amos Oz's other books of fiction and non-fiction, has a distinctly Israeli perspective. Mr. Oz will be lecturing on "THE EYES OF GOD: THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF HEBREW LITERATURE."

JAMAICA KINCAID Monday, December 9. Jamaica Kincaid is a frequent contributor to the New Yorker, and draws from the rich and exotic currents of the Caribbean for her books *ANNIE JOHN* and *LUCY*, and her collection of short stories, *AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER*.

WALLACE STEGNER Monday, December 16. Well known in the Bay Area, Wallace Stegner has been writing for over fifty years. He has won both Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

PAT CONROY Thursday, January 9. Growing up a "Marine brat" in the South provided Pat Conroy with the material for his successful and acclaimed novels.

In addition, there is a special event on Thursday, October 24, featuring **MAYA ANGELOU**, poet, director, playwright, actress, and exuberant voice for understanding and social change.

All programs will begin at 8 PM at the Herbst Theatre (War Memorial Building, Van Ness at McAllister.)

Tickets for the ten-event series are available at \$120 from the City Box Office, 141 Kearny Street, San Francisco 94108. Single tickets are available at \$14 and \$12, except for the Maya Angelou event, which are \$14 and \$16. For further information, please call (415) 392-4400.

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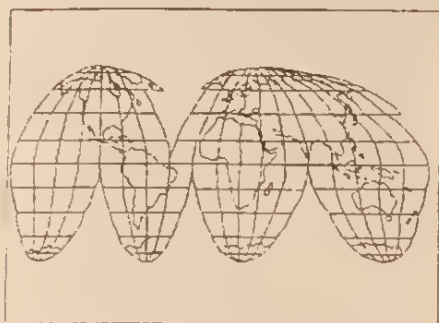
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VISITACION VALLEY ASIAN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Visitacion Valley Asian Residents' Association met at the Community Center on August 2nd to enjoy



a varied program. In addition to the San Francisco Police on Patrol (CPOP) representatives from the Potrero District, they received a visit from Mr. Fred Jordan of the San Francisco Youth Guidance Center. A representative of

the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) brought a slide show and spoke to the members about how to participate in the Community Gardens Program. Many of the residents are interested in having their own garden plot in the Community Garden over on Arleta Street.

Finally, the members of VVARA were given a demonstration on self defense by Mr. Doug Lynn, who is a black belt instructor of several styles of Karate. He has developed a simple 5 hour training in what he has named "Instinct Karate". It is specifically designed for the average person's self defense, especially when one is being attacked and this method is a last resort.

The meetings of the Visitacion Valley Asian Residents' Association are on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. They are held in the gym at 66 Raymond Avenue (VVCC). This organization is for everyone. You do not need to be Asian to attend, although all presentations are bilingual.



The Mayor's Drug Symposium Task Force met at VVCC's ballroom on August 9th. New appointees were welcomed and oriented to the work of the Task Force. An agenda for the coming year was developed.

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Note: Last month's puzzler was puzzling. We left out the word "RESPECT"...ummm...sorry.



THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Following the episode of the drunken husband and the battered wife, I was hoping for a quiet and peaceful life for the remainder of my years.

My restaurant, or rather our restaurant now had reached a plateau where we had all the customers we could comfortably handle. Times were rough, but since we had a steady business and all the food we could eat, we considered ourselves luckier than most.

Trouble, undeserved and unexpected, sneaked up on us. I learned it does not always pay to do a good deed. All my life I have been a sucker for a hard luck story.

My Slavonian dishwasher approached me one day with a plea to give his out-of-work cousin a part-time job to carry him through until he could find permanent work. Refused his request, as one dishwasher was more than enough for our small restaurant but, like the proverbial drop of water piercing the rock, my man kept after me with tears in his eyes until I agreed to pay his cousin two dollars a day, plus meals, for a limited time.

He was jubilant. Next day he and his cousin both came to work. Drinking coffee and playing cards most of the time, they were having a ball. I knew I had made a mistake, but since it was only a temporary commitment, I looked the other way.

In spite of all my travels and tribulations, I have always been very naive in my business deals.

Since I never go back on my word, I trust people to treat me likewise.

Union wages were three and half dollars a day, but as I definitely did not need an extra dishwasher, the man begged me to take him in for two dollars a day. It would save his life. I finally capitulated.

If I had any send I would have paid

him two dollars and made him sign the book for three and a half, thus protecting myself. No, I put temptation in his way, and he took advantage of it, thus changing the whole course of history. What started as a good deed on my part escalated into an all-out war between the Culinary Union and myself.

I am by nature quiet and pliable, and I listen to reason, but when I am threatened and pushed around, I fight back with all my might. Testa Dura is my birthright.

At the end of one month, my phony dishwasher found himself a job and quit, much to my relief. That should have been the end of it.

A short time later, I received a letter from the Union, saying I owed one of their members back wages and advised me to pay up or else. That was the spark that lit the fuse.

I phoned the Union and asked them to send their man over. He came during lunch, and I confined him to the backroom. After the lunch rush I went to him.

"So you think you have something coming, don't you? He was sullen and would not talk. I paid him and made him sign the book.

"Now I am going to give you what is really coming to you."

It is seldom that I ever hit anybody in anger, but this time I did. I knocked him down, and he got up. I knocked him down again and again until he begged for mercy. I felt better and I let him go.

A week or so later, a policeman enters the restaurant asking for Joe Porter. He hands me a summons to appear in court on charges of assault and battery. I was getting madder and madder. I went to court on the appointed day and my friend was already there. When our turn came, he told his story naively, the way it happened, which I am sure did not endear him to the judge. His honor listened patiently and then he began to ask questions.

"There is one thing I do not quite understand. You claim the defendant here beat you up!"

"He did, your honor. Yes, he did!"

"I don't see how that could have been possible. Since you are twice his size, couldn't you defend yourself?"

He had him there. The man thought for a while then, being loath to admit his cowardice, he resorted to a lie.

This Month in S.F. History

Sept. 1: In 1868, the DeYoung brothers' Dramatic Chronicle, first newspaper in San Francisco to report the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, became the Daily Morning Chronicle, a four page broadsheet nearly three times its original size.

Sept. 2: In 1947, with the advent of postwar traffic and parking congestion, the City's first parking meters were installed on Polk St.

In 1956, cable car service west of Van Ness Ave. ended when the Washington-Jackson line was replaced by bus service.

Sept. 7: In 1850, the failure of several businesses in Sacramento, the new state capital, caused many worried San Franciscans to withdraw their money from local banks, a financial panic which lasted more than a week.

In 1907, a mysterious fire destroyed Adolph Sutro's popular Cliff House.

In 1962, a raging fire destroyed the original St. Mary's Cathedral, located at the corner of Van Ness Ave. and O'Farrell St.

Sept. 9: In 1875, Lotta's Fountain, the time-less fixture located on the safety island at the intersection of Kearny, Geary, and Market Sts., was officially dedicated, a loving gift to the people of San Francisco from Miss Lotta Crahtree.

Sept. 11: In 1929, San Francisco's first traffic signals were put into operation by Mayor James Rolph.

Sept. 16: In 1974, Bay Area Rapid Transit trains began regularly scheduled operation through the transbay tube.

Sept. 17: In 1850, a large fire, powered by gusting wind, destroyed more than

125 mostly one story buildings on several square blocks of the City's downtown area. In 1917, thousands of local laborers went on strike to protest poor wages and working conditions.

Sept. 19: In 1854, Montgomery St. became San Francisco's first permanently paved avenue, making use of cubical blocks of granite.

In 1855, the schooner Caroline E. Foote became the first vessel to enter San Francisco Bay with a cargo imported directly from Japan.

Sept. 22: In 1848, San Francisco's first wharf was erected, a 150 foot structure extending into the bay from the foot of Broadway St.

In 1853, the Pacific Coast's first telegraph line, built to provide reports on incoming shipping, was opened between the downtown Merchant's Exchange and a station located at Point Lohos.

Sept. 26: In 1915, El Camino del Mar, located in the City's northeast corner, was officially opened. A landslide several decades later caused its permanent closure.

Sept. 28: In 1948, ground was broken for the construction of the Youth Guidance Center on Woodside Ave.

Sept. 29: In 1923, Steinhardt Aquarium, vital part of Golden Gate Park's Academy of Sciences, was first opened to the public.

In 1940, the Golden Gate International Exposition located on man-made Treasure Island adjacent to Yerba Buena, closed its gates for the second and last time. Treasure Island was leased the following year to the U.S. Government for its naval operations.

"He had a knife, Your Honor!"

"How big a knife?"

"That big." He spread his arms wide.

The judge turned to me. "Did you have a knife, Mr. Porter?" "Of course not!"

"Case dismissed!..."

During the depression years, San Francisco was the strongest union city in the country, all unions having complete control over the working classes. No business could operate without their consent. Stink bombs were thrown indiscriminately to intimidate the few who dared defy the unions. They were using dictatorial powers to terrorize the City into submission.

Nonunion stores were wrecked and looted. Scabs were beaten up daily and sent to hospitals. Nonunion men were pulled out of their jobs and prevented for ever working again, thus becoming nonpeople with no means of support.

The law of the jungle prevailed. It was every man for himself.

I had nothing against unions, but I never approved of their strong-arm tactics, and I always believed that everybody had a right to work.

I had it up to my neck with those lazy, lying, pilfering, drunken union dishwashers and I could not take it any longer. On the other hand, I had nothing but praise for the Waitresses. People were starving and I was giving my share of free meals to clean-out down-and-outers.

One day a young man, a walker in looking for work. He was desperate. He seemed to have seen better days and I liked his looks. I couldn't do any more than offer him a meal. While he was eating I mentioned that I was really in

need of a dishwasher, but... "I'll take it!" he shouted.

So he went to work and he was wonderful. Clean, fast, honest and enthusiastic. Of course, I paid him union wages although he did not belong to any union. From then on, everything ran smoothly and efficiently and I had no more dishwasher problems until...

Two quiet months went by. Late one evening, after closing, two men banged on the door. I let them in.

"We heard you are employing a scab, and we want you to get rid of him."

"That's right," I said, "but he is willing to join your union, and I'll pay his dues."

"That won't do. We already have too many of our members out of work. We want you to employ a union man."

We argued for a while, then they brought out a plaque. "This is a union sign. You hire one of our men and you can display it in the window, and nobody will bother you."

"Why should anyone want to bother me?" Listen to the man," said one. "Isn't he naive?" "All right, I catch on," I said, "but no dice." "Okay, wise guy. Up to now we were trying to be nice. You do what we tell you or else..." "Or else what?" "We'll put you out of business so fast you'll never know what hit you. We eat guys like you for breakfast." "You" "I flung at them. "You can't walk in here and threaten me like that. I don't fall for that" "I took their union sign, opened the door wide, and threw it in the middle of the street. "Now get out, both of you!"

Next morning, when I went to work I found the plate-glass window of my restaurant shattered to pieces.

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BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AUTHORIZED

WASHINGTON - Three major Bay Area projects requested by U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., two to spur mass transportation and a design to seismically upgrade the Golden Gate Bridge won approval today by a key House committee.

The Public Works and Transportation Committee today authorized \$10 million for engineering an design for seismic retrofitting of the Golden Gate Bridge, \$17 million for expanding the North Bay Ferry between Vallejo and San Francisco and \$17.5 million for additional acquisition of abandoned railway rights-of-way along Highway 101 in Marin and Sonoma counties.

"These projects, as included in the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Infrastructure Act of 1991, will help the people of the greater Bay Area prepare for their transportation future," Boxer said.

The seismic retrofit was recommended by a state Board of Inquiry following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. The \$10 million for engineering and design would be applied toward retrofitting portions of the bridge at risk to an earthquake of Richter magnitude 7 or greater.

The committee also authorized help for the congested Interstate 80 corridor by expanding the current ferry service, which averages 225-250 passengers twice a day. The expanded service would include a feeder bus network for Napa and Sonoma counties.

The \$17 million North Bay Ferry Service Demonstration project would be supplemented by \$15 million from state and local sources.

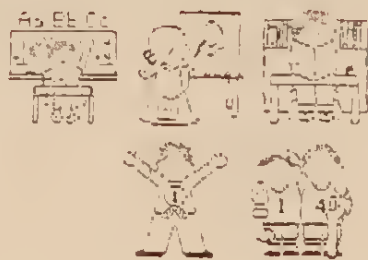
The railway acquisition continues Boxer's goal of acquiring the abandoned rail bed for use in a mass transportation program. At Boxer's request, the 1987 reauthorization bill provided for the first segment of rights-of-way purchases along an abandoned rail line running from Marin county, terminating in Healdsburg. The \$17.5 million will add another segment to the continuing project.

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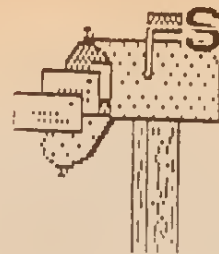
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"Is There a Dining Car on the Mule Train?" Premieres at de Young

The San Francisco premiere of "Is There a Dining Car on the Mule Train?", Don Briggs' zestful look at one of the most spectacular adventures the world has to offer, headlines the film program at the M.H. de Young Museum on Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m. Sharing the bill is Briggs' equally spectacular "River Song." (The same program also plays on Tuesday, September 17 at the U.C. Theatre in Berkeley. Check local listings for showtimes.)

"Is there a Dining Car...?" is about the legendary mule trips into the depths of the Grand Canyon, from the panoramic rim down to the banks of the raging Colorado River some eight miles below. Each year, millions of people from around the world visit the Grand Canyon, yet few venture beyond the Canyon rim. Those who do are rewarded with unrivaled scenic wonders as mule skippers guide riders and animals on a trek through eons of geological and human history. The film, narrated by Wilfred Brimely, includes scenes from a mule trip in the 1920's, original "mule music" by the 1935 Grand Canyon Cowboy Band, and comical tales of mules, "dudes" and swashbuckling derring-do by cowboys old and new. It also introduces the men and women who make this remarkable adventure possible -- a colorful, sometimes cantankerous cast of characters who could have stepped out of any classic Western movie.

"Is There a Dining Car..." has al-

ready won numerous awards, including best documentary at the Telluride Mountain Film Festival, "People's Choice" at the Banff Festival of Mountain Films, and Blue Ribbon at the American Film and Video Festival.

Don Briggs' earlier award-winning film, "River Song", is a visual celebration of the variety of life and beauty along the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. Richard Chamberlin's narration combines contemporary information with dramatic readings from the journal of John Wesley Powell, the first white explorer to navigate the river. Briggs, who will attend the screening, is a photographer, filmmaker, conservationist and river guide who has spent two decades working in and around the Grand

Canyon. He has drawn on his experience to create a portrait of the Canyon that is both grand and intimate.

The "Film as Art/Art in Film" series features both new and classic works by the local artists. Admission for the full-length program is \$5 general/\$4 FAF and Museum Society members. Advance reservations may be made by calling (415) 552-8760 no later than 3 p.m. on the day of the performance. Tickets will go on sale at the box office at 6:30 p.m., and reservations will be honored until ten minutes before showtime. The de Young Museum is located in Golden Gate Park at about 9th Avenue. Screenings take place in the Trustees Auditorium of the Asian of the Art Museum wing of the de Young.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

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Arts Commission	1st Monday	3:00PM
Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00PM
Board of Supervisors	each Monday	2:00PM
Commission on Aging	1st Wednesday	9:30AM
Comm - Status of Women	4th Thursday	4:00PM
Health Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Housing Authority Comm	2nd & 4th Thursday	4:00PM
Human Rights Comm	1st & 3rd Thursday	4:30PM
Library Commission	1st Tuesday	4:30PM
Planning Commission	each Thursday	1:30PM
Police Commission	each Wednesday	5:30PM
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Public Utilities Comm	2nd & 4th Tuesday	2:00PM
Recreation & Parks	3rd Thursday	2:00PM
Social Services Comm	4th Thursday	9:30AM

CRACK KILLS

As I look out of my window, all I can see are people who my friends use to be. But now, this is a world of CRACK and some of my friends will never come back.

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They'll STEAL, ROB, and KILL, just to get that five or ten minute thrill. But when it's over, the TWINK is on.

They start SEEING and HEARING things that's not there, and sometimes they just sit and STARE.

They call them CRACK MONSTERS and this is why: Because they don't give a DAMN about their lives.

They have SEIZURES and HEART ATTACKS but they don't quit they can't wait to come home just to get another hit; As the time passes by SOONER or LATER they are going to DIE!

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